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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7414.0025-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Pasika et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
)  
Serial No.: 09/724,910 ) Examiner: Mahatan, C.  
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Filed: November 28, 2000 ) Confirmation No. 8658  
)  
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND )  
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE )  
FOR EVALUATING BIOLOGICAL )  
DATA )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004 (Paper No. 20). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. The due date for responding has been extended by the Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite extension fee filed herewith.

**Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks begin on page 16.**